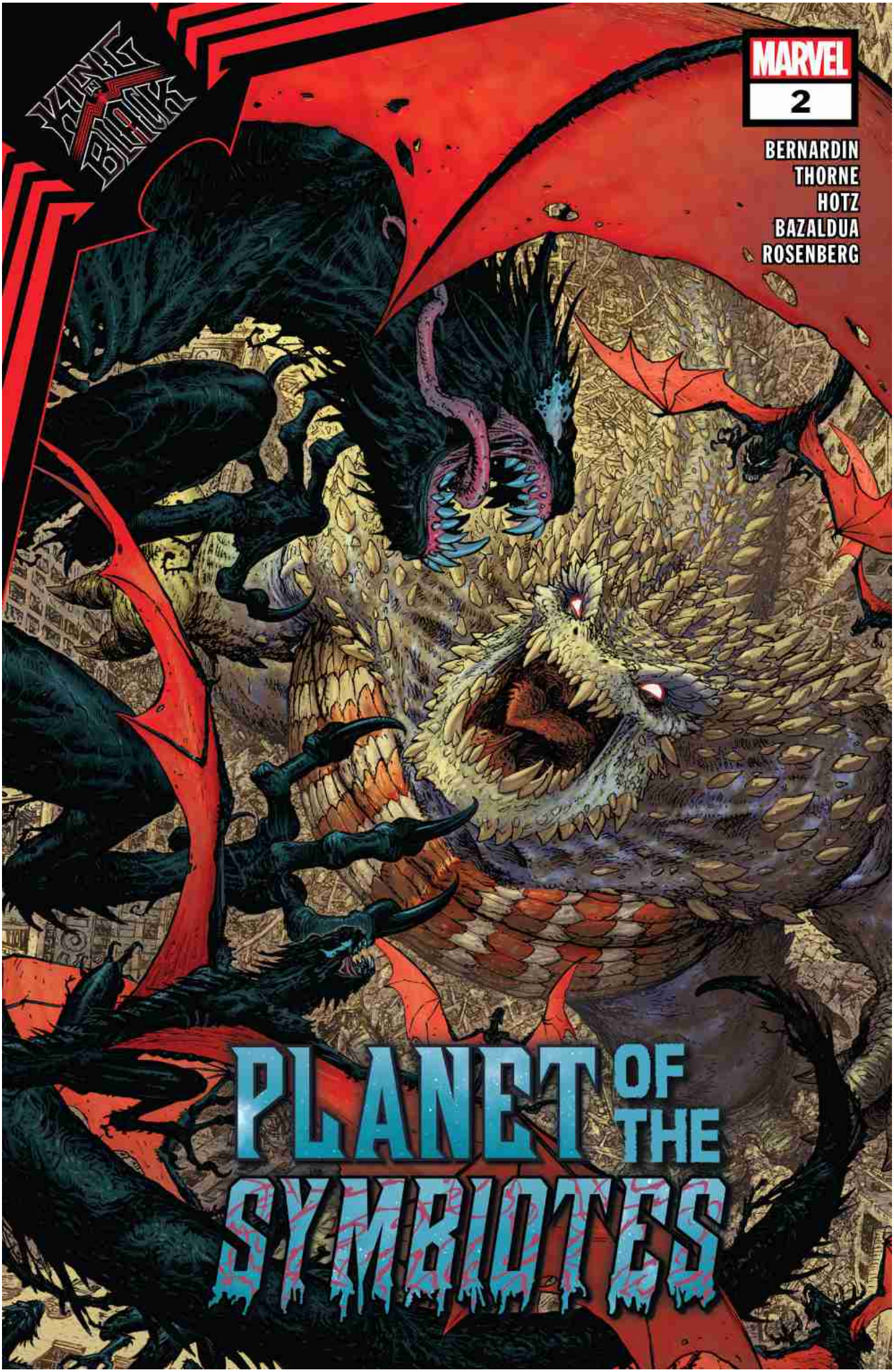
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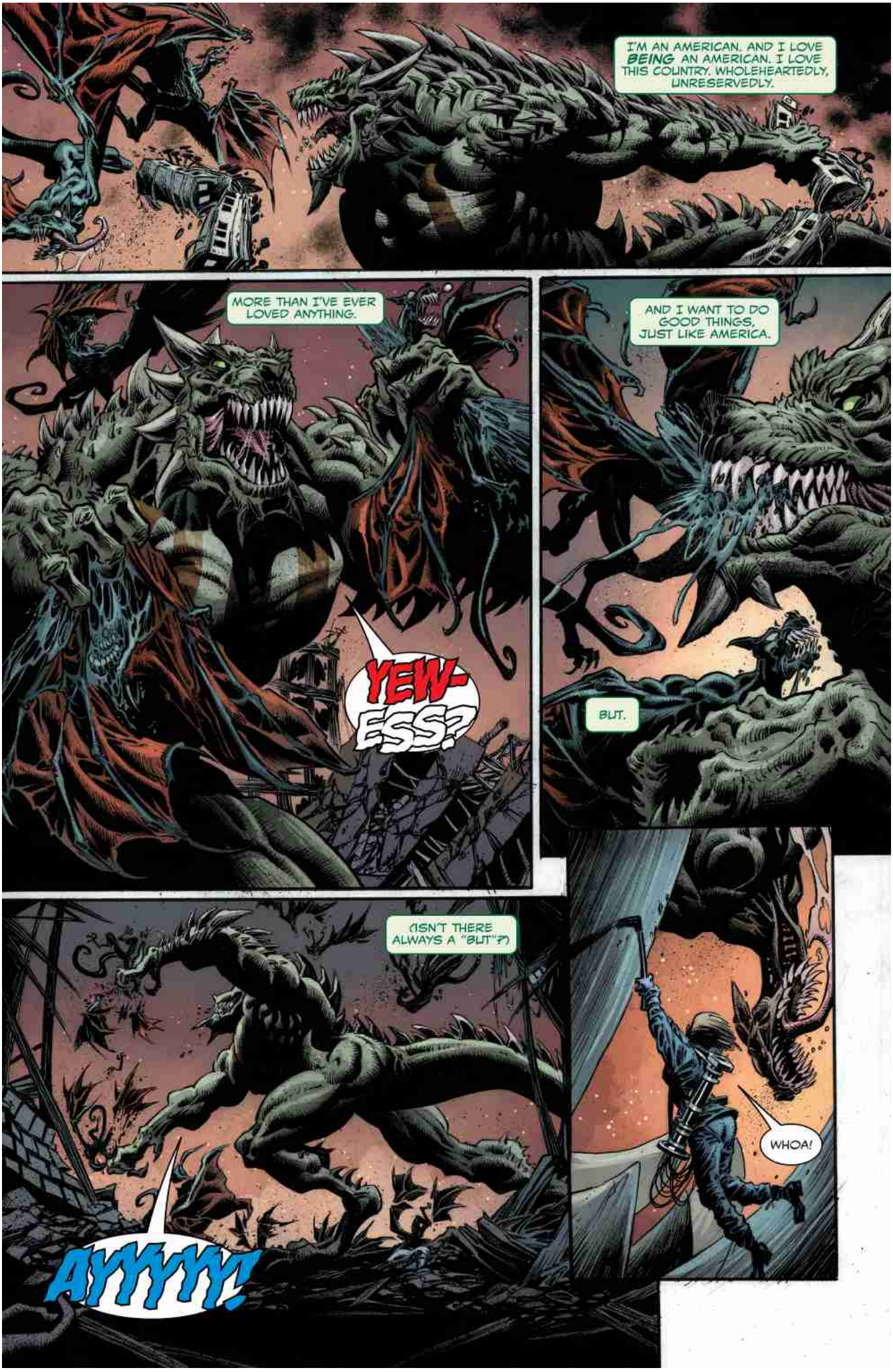
PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES

THERE COMES A TIME IN EVERY MAN'S LIFE...
YEWWWWW!
...WHEN HE LOOKS BACK ON THE THINGS HE'S DONE AND THE CHOICES HE'S MADE...
ESSSS!
...AND HE HAS TO ANSWER FOR HIMSELF ONE QUESTION...
AAAAYYY!
PETROL
SANDMAN ONE IS A GO!

...AM I A MONSTER?
YEWWWW-
ESSSS-
AYYYY!
CORPORAL TODD ZILLER
UNITED STATES ARMY. WILLING TEST SUBJECT FOR A RAMSHACKLE SUPER-SOLDIER KNOCKOFF. NOW HE'S USUALLY THE AMERICAN KAIJU. BECAUSE WHY WOULDN'T HE BE?

BECAUSE HERE'S THE THING: I *WANTED* THIS.
I WANTED *POWER.*
LIFE AS TODD ZILLER WAS EMPTY, SHALLOW.
I WANTED PURPOSE. I WANTED TO MANIFEST A DESTINY.
WHIPPP
YEWWWW!
ESSSS!
AYYYY!
SO I VOLUNTEERED FOR...*THIS.*
I'M ON THE TARGET, WHICH IS JUST RIPPING THROUGH SYMBIOTE DRAGONS!

THIS IS WHAT THE MILITARY WANTED ME TO BE. OR, AT LEAST, WHAT THE MILITARY WAS FINE WITH ME BECOMING.
AMERICA WANTED ANOTHER STAR-SPANGLED DELIVERER.
SOMETIMES, AMERICA CUTS A FEW CORNERS.
YEWWWW!
ESSS!
AYYYYY!


I'M AN AMERICAN. AND I LOVE BEING AN AMERICAN. I LOVE THIS COUNTRY. WHOLEHEARTEDLY, UNRESERVEDLY.
MORE THAN I'VE EVER LOVED ANYTHING.
YEW-ESS?
AND I WANT TO DO GOOD THINGS, JUST LIKE AMERICA.
BUT.
(ISN'T THERE ALWAYS A "BUT"?)
AYYYYY!
WHOA!

THEY SET ME LOOSE ON THESE SYMBIOTE DRAGONS BECAUSE, YEAH, SYMBIOTE DRAGONS NEED TO BE DEALT WITH.
FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING...
YEW...
ESS...
AYY.
...EXCEPT MAYBE THE SYMBIOTE DRAGONS.
OH %o&#$...

BUT IN THE PROCESS, I'M GOING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING I TOUCH.
GROCERY STORES, HAIR SALONS, URGENT CARE, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND, YEAH, STREET FAIRS FULL OF FAMILIES.
YEWWWW-
ESSSS-
AYYYY!
ALMOST THERE... HANG IN THERE, TODD.

I WILL LEAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES RUINED. AND WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS DESTRUCTION? IS IT THE DRAGONS?
IS IT AMERICA, FOR DROPPING ME OUT OF A PLANE?
IS IT AMERICA, FOR TURNING ME INTO THIS?

IF I TAKE A HARSH LOOK AT MYSELF, HERE'S THE TRUTH: I WANTED THIS. I ASKED FOR IT. I VOLUNTEERED FOR IT.
YEWWWW-
ESSSS-
AYYYYY!
THERE'S NO ONE TO BLAME BUT ME.
BWASSSST

YEW!!!
SO, DOES DOING THE THINGS I'VE DONE MAKE ME A MONSTER?
ESSSSSS?
OR AM I A MONSTER FOR WANTING TO BE ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AWWW...
YOU DID GREAT, BUDDY. LET'S GET YOU HOME-- AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP, MOZZ STICKS ARE ON ME.
OO-RAH.
www...
THE END...

TAVERN ON THE GREEN.
OKAY, HOBIE, LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND...
LOOK, I KNOW IT'S A LOT.
DEFINITELY. YOU ARE DEFINITELY A LOT.
TEACHING YOURSELF TO BE AN INVENTOR WAS AN IDEA. THE PROWLER WAS AN IDEA.
YOU ALWAYS HAVE AN IDEA. THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU.
BUT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT. I CAN TELL YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT.
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH ME.
YOU WANTED ME TO GIVE UP BEING THE PROWLER.
BOOM. DONE.
YOU WANTED ME TO USE MY TALENTS IN THE "REAL WORLD"? IT DOESN'T GET REALER THAN FAIRGRAY PAY.*
I WANTED YOU OUT OF THE SUIT, HOBIE.
*CHECK OUT THE RECENT FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN #7-10 FOR THE DETAILS! --DK
THE SUIT'S GONE, BABY. I SWEAR. NO MORE PROWLER. EVER. BUT THIS OTHER THING...
...HOBIE, WHAT'S...

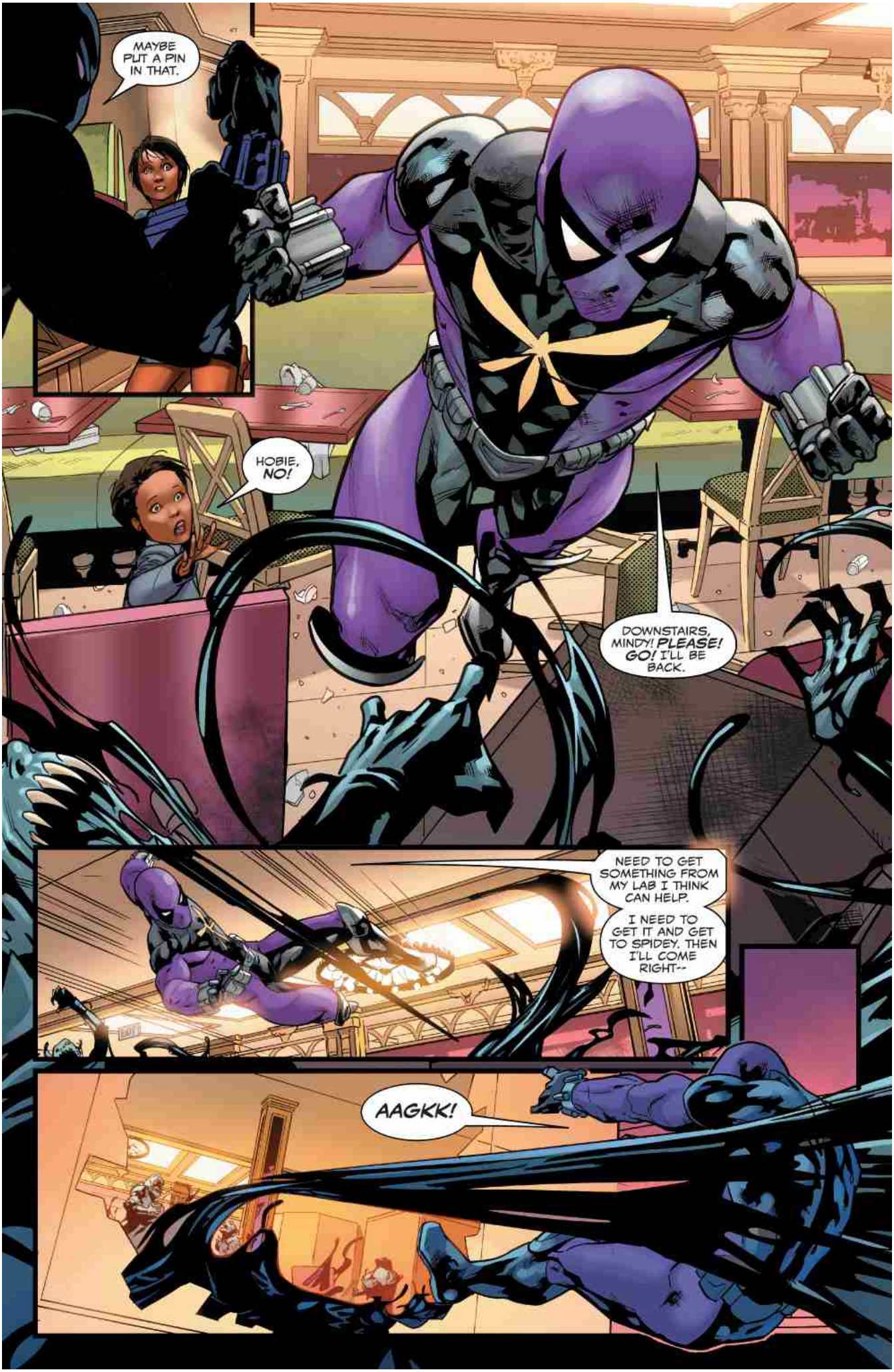
YEARGHH!
...WHAT'S HAPPENING?
OFF!
OFF!
GET IT OFF ME!

...SYMBIOTES...
THOSE ARE... THAT'S A HELL OF A LOT OF SYMBIOTES.
SYM-- WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU--?
YOU REMEMBER THAT MONSTER, VENOM, WHO USED TO ATTACK SPIDER-MAN?
UM...NO? EVERYBODY ATTACKS SPIDER-MAN. "VENOM"?
EVERYBODY, GET AWAY FROM THE WINDOWS! SOMEBODY KILL THE MUSIC IN HERE AND CLOSE THESE CURTAINS!
NOW!
HEY! JUST WHO ARE YOU TO BE GIVING ORDERS, MISTER? I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW--
EXIT
ALEX, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DUDE, ARE YOU NUTS? DO YOU NOT SEE WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
"DUDE"? DID YOU JUST CALL ME "DUDE"? WHAT ARE YOU, A BIKE MESSENGER? I OWN THREE CONDOS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE. WHY IN THE HELL AM I LISTENING TO--

KRAKOOM!
GET DOWN!
AAAAAH!
OH. OH MY LORD.
WHAT THE HELL AM I-- WHAT THE HELL AM I--
WHGL MLL LGGLMMI!
AGGGLLL!

COME ON! THERE'S NO TIME!
BUT WHERE? HOBIE, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD. AGAIN. SPIDEY TOLD ME ABOUT THESE THINGS.
THEY DON'T LIKE FIRE... ELECTRICITY...

SHWICK
DOWN!
AH!
EXIT
LISTEN. YOU NEED TO GET DOWN TO THE PHYSICAL PLANT. IT'LL BE IN THE BASEMENT. FUSES, JUNCTION BOXES. THEY WON'T WANT TO GO DOWN THERE.
WITH ALL THESE MOVING TARGETS AROUND, IF YOU'RE QUIET, THEY WON'T COME LOOKING FOR YOU.
FOR US. YOU MEAN "FOR US."
TAK
HOBIE? WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
Y'KNOW HOW I JUST SAID I WOULDN'T PUT THE PROWLER SUIT ON AGAIN?


MAYBE PUT A PIN IN THAT.
HOBIE, NO!
DOWNSTAIRS, MINDY! PLEASE! GO! I'LL BE BACK.
NEED TO GET SOMETHING FROM MY LAB I THINK CAN HELP.
I NEED TO GET IT AND GET TO SPIDEY. THEN I'LL COME RIGHT--
AAGKK!

KRAAASH!
OKAY, THAT HURT. DEFINITELY NEED SOME ARMOR AND PADDING.
UPSIDE, SILICONE NANOMESH FABRIC REPELS FLUIDS, INCLUDING INVASIVE ALIEN GOO MOMENTARILY.
SO... THANKS?
SPIDEY TOLD ME ABOUT THE OTHER THING YOU GUYS DON'T LIKE. SOUND.
SPECIFICALLY, HIGH FREQUENCIES.
I GUESS IT SCREWS UP YOUR ABILITY TO COHERE OR SOMETHING. AT A MOLECULAR LEVEL.
THE THING IS, STARKPHONES JUST UPGRADED THEIR AUDIO OUTPUTS.
AND I'VE BEEN HACKING STARKPHONES SINCE I WAS A KID.
TAK TAK TIK TAK TIK
NOW, SINCE YOU ALL DID ME THE SOLID OF COMING INSIDE REAL CLOSE...
Playlist

BONG BONG BONG BONG BA BONG BONG BONG
I'M GONNA HIT YOU WITH SOME OF MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO. 2...
...AND ROCK THE BELLS.
YEAH.
BONG BONG BA BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG
HAD A FEELING.

HOBIE BROWN'S APARTMENT. 125TH STREET.
MINDY? HEY.
HOBIE? YOU'RE ALIVE!
YEAH. ALL GOOD, SO FAR. MADE IT HOME IN ONE PIECE. TEN BLOCKS OF HELL.
YOU'RE SAFE, RIGHT? YOU DID WHAT I SAID?
I'M FINE. BUT THOSE THINGS...
YEAH. I KNOW. THEY'RE ALL OVER THE CITY.
WHATEVER THIS MESS IS, I KNOW SPIDEY'S IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

AND THE HORNET'S GONNA HELP HIM CLEAN IT UP.
END.

***KNULL*, THE MALICIOUS GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES HAS LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON EARTH, AND A FRACTURED CONTINGENT OF SUPER HEROES STANDS AS THE PLANET'S ONLY DEFENSE.**

IF THEY CAN'T STOP THE ADVANCE OF KNULL'S FORCES, EARTH WILL BECOME THE...

PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES

CORPORAL TODD ZILLER PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE FOR HIS COUNTRY AS A TEST SUBJECT FOR A NEW ITERATION OF THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM. USING ELEMENTS RANGING FROM GAMMA RADIATION TO PYM PARTICLES TO CURT CONNORS' LIZARD FORMULA, THE SERUM GAVE TODD THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM INTO A REPTILE-LIKE BEHEMOTH. HE PROTECTS THE LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE BRAVE AS...

AMERICAN KAIJU!

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DEVIN LEWIS EDITOR

HOBIE BROWN WAS ONCE THE VILLAIN KNOWN AS THE PROWLER. AFTER A FEW CLASHES WITH THE HERO SPIDER-MAN, HOBIE TURNED HIS BRILLIANT MIND AND INVENTIVE SKILLS TOWARD DOING GOOD. NOW WORKING FOR THE FAIRGRAY PAY COMPANY, HOBIE PLANS TO DO EVEN MORE GOOD FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE AS...

HORNET

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WHAT A TRIP, Y'ALL! Assistant Editor Danny Khazem here again to break down the madness you just witnessed!

First up we had the living, breathing behemoth defender of the U. S. of A.—AMERICAN KAIJU! Todd Ziller, the fan-favorite Kaiju storming his way into this event, first appeared in the pages of NEW AVENGERS and continues to protect the free world!

Check out his early appearances in the pages of NEW AVENGERS #9 & 10 and the U.S.AVENGERS series!

THEN! Hobie Brown, the original Prowler, has completely left the Prowler identity behind for a new path…that of THE HORNET! Those eagle-eyed fans will know that Hobie originally created the Hornet identity and rig for Peter Parker, A.K.A. Spider-Man, waaaaaaay back in SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #27 during Spidey's Identity Crisis!

All of those Identity Crisis costumes were later picked up by a young group of heroes called the SLINGERS! Back issue hunters can go diving the bins for the original SLINGERS series, or you can find their most recent adventures in the collection of BEN REILLY: SCARLET SPIDER VOLUME 3—THE SLINGERS RETURN!

Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for when and where all of these Marvel heroes will return!

Join us next month for our final issue featuring the duo CLOAK & DAGGER by creative team RODNEY BARNES and DANILO S. BEYRUTH! But that's not all, as we're finally giving you—THE FANS!—the return you've been begging for: TOXIN! Bringing you all that goopy goodness will be STEVE ORLANDO and GERARDO SANDOVAL!

REMINDER: We want to hear what YOU think! Send us your feedback at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM and be sure to mark your letter "OKAY TO PRINT," and you just may see your words immortalized in our following issue!

Enjoy the ride, dear reader—we've got a lot more on the way!

STAY TUNED!
—DK
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KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #3

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  ENTER THE LIGHT!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: MARAUDERS #1**
  THE SEAS HAVE AWOKEN, AND THE MARAUDERS ARE HERE TO FACE THE RISING TIDE!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #2**
  MARY JANE FINALLY SWINGS HER AX AT GWEN—BUT NOT THE ONE GWEN EXPECTS!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: BLACK KNIGHT #1**
  DANE WHITMAN, THE BLACK KNIGHT, LEARNS THE HORRIBLE HISTORY OF HIS LINEAGE AND THE EBONY BLADE!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #2**
  THE VALKYRIES LEARN MUCH MORE IS AT STAKE THAN JUST EARTH WHEN THEY FIND A LARGE SPIRIT LOOMING ABOVE THE PLANET!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: BLACK PANTHER #1**
  WAKANDA IS UNDER SYMBIOTE SIEGE!
- [x] **DAREDEVIL #27**
  DAREDEVIL FACES A CRISIS OF FAITH WHILE HELL'S KITCHEN BURNS!
- [x] **FANTASTIC FOUR #29**
  A FAMILY DIVIDED CANNOT STAND!
- [x] **S.W.O.R.D. #3**
  MANIFOLD MUST JOURNEY TO SAVE THE PLANET—AND THE UNIVERSE!
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: THUNDERBOLTS #2**
  KINGPIN'S THUNDERBOLTS ENLIST THE MOST UNLIKELY ALLY.
- [x] **KING IN BLACK #4**
- [x] **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #2**
  AMERICAN KAIJU RISES TO SAVE HIS NATION!
- [ ] **MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #23**
  MILES GOES FIST-TO-FIST WITH ONE OF HIS BEST FRIENDS—CAN HE SAVE THEM?
- [ ] **SAVAGE AVENGERS #18**
  CONAN HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE—CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!
- [ ] **KING IN BLACK: CAPTAIN AMERICA #1**
  CAPTAIN AMERICA, FALCON AND THE WINTER SOLDIER HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND AGAINST AN ARMY OF SYMBIOTES!
- [ ] **BLACK CAT #3**
  A RACE AGAINST TIME THAT MIGHT COST FELICIA ONE OF HER NINE LIVES!
- [ ] **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #4**
  THE WAVES OF HISTORY CONTINUE TO CRASH ON NAMOR—CAN HE PUT THE LID BACK ON WHEN THE TIME COMES?
- [ ] **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN: KING IN BLACK #4**
  THINGS GET MESSY AS ULIK ENTERS THE FRAY! (PICTURED)
- [ ] **KING IN BLACK: RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #3**
  WHAT DARKNESS LIES BEYOND VALHALLA FOR THE VALKYRIES?

ZONE